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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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FOR: ANALYZER SYSTEM FOR LID-COVERED SAMPLE CONTAINERS

ENCLOSED ARE:

- (X) Specification (22 pages), Claims (6 pages/19 claims) & Abstract;  
(X) two (2) sheets of Drawings; (Figs. 1 and 2)  
(X) Declaration and Power of Attorney;  
( ) Assignment to Mettler-Toledo GmbH  
( ) Certified copy of GermanPat.Appli.No. 100 49 491.9 filed October 6, 2000  
the priority of which is claimed under 35 USC 119;  
( ) Small Entity Status is being claimed. (37 CFR 1.9 & 1.27);  
(X) Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, German Search Report  
and 7 references;

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